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1. In accordance with the present trade agreement about 5,000 tons of coke daily are imported from Czechoslovakia through the DWG Kohle (German Trade Company Coal) * and **.
2. About 10,000 tons of Upper Silesian hard and soft coal and 2,000 tons of coke are imported daily from Poland. * Recent maximum imports from Poland reached 15,000 tons of coal and 4,000 tons of coke daily.
3. The coal imported is allocated only to the industries, especially to the Duna plants and to the ironworks. The chemical industry is supplied with a very small share because it is based on use of brown coal. The gas works and the railroads are also mostly operated with brown coal.

* Comment. The coke imports from Poland and Czechoslovakia, totaling 7,000 tons daily, correspond to an annual import figure of about 2.5 million tons of coke if these imports continue regularly throughout the entire year. The Soviet Zone of Germany had to import 3.7 million tons of coke in 1937 and 7.9 million tons of coke in 1938 to cover its coke requirements. It is therefore probable that the present coke imports meet only . . . the requirements of the Duna Plant in Schkopau (M 52/D 91) and of the Soviet Zone iron and steel works.

[] Comment. [] the coke imported from Czechoslovakia is of good quality and especially suitable for use as foundry coke.

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